

*shall design the license plates in consultation with an organization that seeks to raise awareness of childhood cancer in this state.*

*(b) After deduction of the department's administrative costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates shall be deposited to the credit of an account created by the comptroller in the manner provided by Section 504.6012(b). Money deposited to that account may be used by the General Land Office only to provide grants to benefit organizations operating in this state that raise awareness of, conduct research on, or provide services for persons diagnosed with childhood cancer.*

*(c) The General Land Office and an organization that receives a grant under Subsection (b) may enter into a memorandum of understanding establishing the respective duties of the General Land Office and the organization in relation to carrying out the purposes of that subsection.*

*(d) Section 504.702 does not apply to a specialty license plate issued under this section.*

SECTION 2. The General Land Office and an organization that receives a grant under Section 504.655, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, are not required to adopt a new memorandum of understanding under that section if a previous memorandum of understanding adopted by the General Land Office and the organization accomplishes the purposes of that section.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 9, 2017: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2700 on May 21, 2017: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

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**AUTHORITY OF A DEFENSE BASE DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMPANY OR  
PARTNERSHIP ORGANIZED TO FINANCE REDEVELOPMENT  
PROJECTS**

**CHAPTER 866**

H.B. No. 2761

**AN ACT**

**relating to the authority of a defense base development authority to participate in a company or partnership organized to finance redevelopment projects.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 379B.004(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An authority may exercise power necessary or convenient to carry out a purpose of this chapter, including the power to:

- (1) adopt an official seal, or alter it;
- (2) adopt rules;
- (3) enter into a contract or incur a liability;
- (4) acquire and dispose of money;
- (5) select a depository;
- (6) establish a system of accounts for the authority;
- (7) invest funds in accordance with Chapter 2256, Government Code;

- (8) set the fiscal year for the authority;
- (9) adopt an annual operating budget for major expenditures before the beginning of the fiscal year;
- (10) borrow money or issue a bond in an amount that does not exceed the maximum amount set by the board;
- (11) loan money;
- (12) acquire, lease, lease-purchase, convey, grant a mortgage on, or otherwise dispose of a property right, including a right regarding base property;
- (13) lease property located on the base property to a person to effect the purposes of this chapter;
- (14) request and accept a donation, grant, guaranty, or loan from any source permitted by law;
- (15) operate and maintain an office;
- (16) charge for the use, lease, or sale of an open space or a facility;
- (17) exercise a power granted to a municipality by Chapter 380;
- (18) authorize by resolution the incorporation of a nonprofit airport facility financing corporation as provided and authorized by Subchapter E, Chapter 22, Transportation Code, to provide financing to pay the costs, including interest, and reserves for the costs of an airport facility authorized by that chapter and for other purposes set forth in the articles of incorporation;
- (19) exercise the powers granted to a local government for the financing of facilities to be located on airport property, including those set out in Chapter 22, Transportation Code, consistent with the requirements and the purposes of Section 52-a, Article III, Texas Constitution;
- (20) lease, own, and operate an airport and exercise the powers granted to municipalities and counties by Chapter 22, Transportation Code;
- (21) lease, own, and operate port facilities for air, trucking, and rail transportation;
- (22) provide security for port functions, facilities, and operations; ~~and~~
- (23) cooperate with and participate in programs and security efforts of this state and the federal Department of Homeland Security; *and*
- (24) *participate as a member or partner of a limited liability company, a limited liability partnership, or other entity organized to finance a project designated as a redevelopment project under Section 379B.009.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 20, 2017; Yeas 136, Nays 7, 3 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2761 on May 21, 2017: Yeas 128, Nays 9, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2017: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Approved June 15, 2017.

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